

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of the claims

Claims 1, 22, 31, 52, and 60 were amended. Support for the amendments can be found on, e.g., page 9, line 5 of the present application. No new matter is added.

II. Enablement

Claims 1-2, 30-32, 60 and 70-79 were rejected as allegedly not enabled by the specification. Specifically, the Examiner argued that the specification did not provide sufficient disclosure to support the full scope of the claims. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

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III. Written Description

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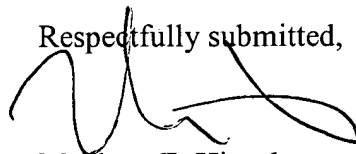
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew E. Hinsch', is written over the typed name.

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